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1. FOLLOWING FAILURE ATTEMPTED COMMUNIST COUP IN 1971, PRESIDENT NIMEIRI AND GOS REJECTED FURTHER MILITARY TRAINING AND RECEIPT MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM USSR. HOWEVER, IT RETAINED LINKS WITH YUGOSLAVIA WHICH PROVIDES TRAINING TO FLEDGLING SUDANESE NAVY AS WELL AS AIR FORCE.

2. DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WERE RESTORED BETWEEN USG-GOS IN JULY 1972 AND RELATIONS ARE CURRENTLY GOOD. USG RESUMED LIMITED MILITARY TRAINING OF SUDANESE OFFICERS IN MID-1973 WITH ASSIGNMENT OF LT. COL. FUAD AHMED SALIH (AIR DEFENSE) TO COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE IN FT. LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS. PRESIDENT NIMEIRI IS GRADUATE SAME INSTITUTION.

3. SUDANESE IN GENERAL ARE FAVORABLY INCLINED TOWARD THE UNITED STATES AND AMERICANS--PARTICULARLY FOLLOWING THEIR DISASTROUS AND TOO-CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH USSR.

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SUDANESE ARE INFORMAL,

OUTGOING AND CRITICAL THEIR OWN SHORTCOMINGS. THEY CAN BE CAUTIOUS, HOWEVER, ON MILITARY MATTERS IN VIEW GENERAL BELIEF THAT USG IS MAIN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL.

4. EMB WOULD APPRECIATE ASSESSMENT AND NOTIFICATION WHEN OFFICERS COMPLETE THEIR TRAINING AND RETURN TO SUDAN.

5. NO DAO THIS POST.

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